

# LH release by the pituitary, the inhibitive effect of circulating estradiol in obese and non-obese men

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<b>Ethical review</b>	Approved WMO
<b>Status</b>	Pending
<b>Health condition type</b>	Endocrine disorders of gonadal function
<b>Study type</b>	Interventional

## Summary

### ID

NL-OMON31039

### Source

ToetsingOnline

### Brief title

obE2se study

### Condition

- Endocrine disorders of gonadal function

### Synonym

obesity

### Research involving

Human

### Sponsors and support

**Primary sponsor:** Vrije Universiteit Medisch Centrum

**Source(s) of monetary or material Support:** researchbudget afdeling

## Intervention

**Keyword:** obesity male LH testosterone

## Outcome measures

### Primary outcome

before every change of estradiol dose and at the end of the study blood is drawn for determination of estradiol, testosterone, sex hormone binding globulin and LH

### Secondary outcome

non applicable

## Study description

### Background summary

from our previously conducted studies it appeared that circulating estradiol has a strong and inhibitive effect on gonadotropin release by the male pituitary. Obese men have higher mean plasma estradiol levels and lower mean plasma testosterone levels compared to non-obese men.

### Study objective

To study whether higher estradiol levels in obese men are responsible for the lower testosterone levels also found in these men

### Study design

open label intervention study

### Intervention

the endogenous estradiol synthesis is inhibited by letrozole tablets 2,5 mg daily. Estradiol levels are varied by application of estradiol patches in different doses. The effect of varying estradiol levels on the levels of LH and testosterone are observed and compared with results from a similar study in non-obese men.

## Study burden and risks

duration of the study is 28 days comprising 5 visits (75 minutes in total), 5 venepunctures (35 ml in total). Intake of letrozole 2,5 mg tablets once daily for 28 days. Application of estradiol patches 2 times per week for a total of 3 weeks.

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## Trial sites

### Listed location countries

Netherlands

## Eligibility criteria

### Age

Adults (18-64 years)

Elderly (65 years and older)

### Inclusion criteria

male, BMI > 35 kg/m<sup>2</sup>, age < 40 years

## Exclusion criteria

history of hypogonadism, pituitary disease, venous thrombosis. Use of testosterone, aldactone, finasteride, glucocorticoids. LH > 8 IU/L

## Study design

### Design

Study type:	Interventional
Intervention model:	Other
Allocation:	Non-randomized controlled trial
Masking:	Open (masking not used)
Control:	Active
Primary purpose:	Basic science

### Recruitment

NL	
Recruitment status:	Pending
Start date (anticipated):	01-01-2008
Enrollment:	20
Type:	Anticipated

## Ethics review

Approved WMO	
Application type:	First submission
Review commission:	METC Amsterdam UMC

## Study registrations

**Followed up by the following (possibly more current) registration**

No registrations found.

**Other (possibly less up-to-date) registrations in this register**

No registrations found.

**In other registers**

Register	ID
CCMO	NL19638.029.07